

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND
SOLICITATION OF PUBLIC COMMENTS ON THE
FY2003 MARICOPA URBAN COUNTY ANNUAL PLAN (YEAR 4 OF 5),
AMENDMENTS TO THE 5-YEAR CONSOLIDATED PLAN,
FY2002 ANNUAL PLAN, AND FY2000 CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL PERFORMANCE
EVALUATION REPORT (CAPER)**

The Maricopa Urban County will hold a public hearing on April 9, 2003 at 6:30 p.m. in Room 610 of the Phoenix Corporate Center, 3003 North Central Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona, to obtain citizen input and comment on the draft **Maricopa Urban County FY 2003 Annual Plan (AP), amendments to the 5-Year Consolidated Plan, amendments to the FY2002 Annual Plan (if any), and FY2000 Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report (CAPER)**. The Urban County consists of 12 incorporated cities and towns, approximately 15 unincorporated communities, and the balance of unincorporated Maricopa County. The Annual Plan details specific projects to implement the 5-year strategies in the Consolidated Plan. The FY2003 AP is for Year 4 of 5. A formal comment process on these documents commencing on March 28, 2003 and ending April 29, 2003 is being executed. For your information, a formal comment process on the FY2003 Maricopa HOME Consortium Annual Plan is being executed concurrently. The Maricopa Urban County AP refers primarily to the housing and community development needs and the intended use of CDBG and HOME resources in FY2003 for the Urban County, while the FY2003 Maricopa HOME Consortium AP covers affordable housing, homeless and supportive housing for all members of the Consortium. The Maricopa HOME Consortium and the Urban County CPs govern the use of 4 formula grants and 13 competitive grants, and effect allocation of public housing certificates and vouchers.

ORGANIZATIONS INVOLVED AND PLACES TO SECURE COPIES OR REVIEW THE PLAN:

Contact Ms. Isabel McDougall of Maricopa County Community Development at (602) 240-2210 to secure copies of the APs prepared for the Urban County or for the Maricopa HOME Consortium. Ms. McDougall's address is Maricopa County Community Development, 3003 North Central, Suite 1040, Phoenix, AZ 85012-2906. The fax number is (602) 240-6960. Information on the past performance of the Urban County is also available from Ms. McDougall as well as copies of the FY2000-2004 Citizen Participation Plan. Copies of the Maricopa Urban County 5-Year CP, the Annual Plan, Maricopa Citizen Participation Plan, and previous CAPER are available at the following locations:

- ☞☞ Maricopa County Library, Main Branch, 17811 N. 32nd Street in Phoenix, AZ
- ☞☞ Maricopa County Branch Library, 14010 N. El Mirage Road in El Mirage, AZ
- ☞☞ Maricopa County Branch Library, 9401 S. 51st Avenue in Laveen, AZ
- ☞☞ Maricopa County Branch Library, 22407 S. Ellsworth Road in Queen Creek, AZ

Summaries of the 5-Year CP and draft Annual Plans may be accessed on the Internet at **www.maricopa.gov/comm_dev**.

ANNUAL PLAN (FY2003)

Year XXVI (FY2003-2004) MARICOPA COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) OBJECTIVES AND PROPOSED USE OF FUNDS – Maricopa County anticipates receiving approximately \$3,231,000 from the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the Year XXVI, FY2003 CDBG Program. On December 20, 2002, Maricopa County Community Development accepted proposals from urban county residents for the use of these funds to implement the 5-year CP. Community Development Department emphasizes the following objectives during project selection in order to meet the goals of the CDBG Program:

- ?? Assistance to low and moderate-income persons
- ?? Prevention of elimination of slum and blight conditions
- ?? Addressing emergency urgent needs detrimental to health, safety and public welfare

A variety of projects are proposed for funding by the Maricopa County Community Development Advisory Committee (CDAC) to address priority needs as identified in the 5-Year CP. These projects include:

- ?? Housing rehabilitation
- ?? Street, sidewalk and lighting improvements
- ?? Senior Centers
- ?? Public Services
- ?? Fair housing activities
- ?? Public Facilities

These activities will benefit residents of the urban county participating communities and the unincorporated areas. Specific projects, dollar amounts, and locations are available in the Urban County FY2003 AP.

Funding of all projects is subject to the availability of funds. At least 90% of the proposed FY2003 project funds under the CDBG Program will benefit low and moderate-income persons. It is anticipated that no displacement of persons will occur as a result of the FY2003 CDBG assisted activities. Should displacement occur, Maricopa County shall implement the proposed activities in accordance with 24 CFR 570.606 and its Residential Anti-displacement and Relocation Assistance Plan. Community Development intends to submit its Annual Plan for approval to the US Department of Housing and Urban Development for the Year XXVI FY2003 CDBG funding by May 15, 2003.

Approximately \$917,140 of the FY2003 HOME resources may be available within the urban county. These resources are proposed to be allocated as follows:

<u>Location</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Allocation</u>
Queen Creek	Housing Rehab	\$110,000
El Mirage	Housing Rehab	\$245,000
Surprise	Multi-family Rental – Orchard Estates	\$300,000
Wickenburg	Rental Housing - CSA	\$205,484
Surprise	Infill Housing	\$56,656

AMENDMENTS TO FY2002 ANNUAL PLAN

- ?? Reallocation - \$50,000 from Prior Year's Funding to Buckeye Street Improvements.
- ?? Reallocation - \$262,000 from Gila Bend Southside Street Improvements to Gila Bend/Barnes, St. Louis & Cleveland Street Improvements.

AMENDMENTS TO 2000-2004 CONSOLIDATED PLAN

- ?? Queen Creek – Various Adjustments.

CONTENT OF PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD

The agenda for the public hearing to be held on April 9, 2003, at 6:30 p.m. will include, but not be limited to, the following items:

- ?? It is anticipated that \$3.2 million of CDBG resources will be made available within the region. Federal CDBG funds may be used for a wide variety of purposes including residential development, public facilities, infrastructure, public services, code enforcement, economic development activities, redevelopment efforts, planning, etc.

- ?? It is anticipated that \$917,140 of HOME resources will be made available within the region. HOME funds may be used for a variety of affordable housing activities, including acquisition, construction, re-construction, and rehabilitation for low and very low income people.
- ?? Estimates associated with the number of very low- and low-income persons residing within the Consortium service area that are anticipated to benefit from ESG and CDBG resources secured in FY2003.
- ?? Plans by Maricopa County Community Development to minimize the displacement of persons from the intended uses of CDBG resources anticipated to be invested during FY2003 and efforts to assist any persons displaced.
- ?? Summary of performance for 2001.
- ?? A review of the contents of the draft FY2003 Maricopa Urban County Annual Plan and solicitation of written or verbal public comments on the draft.
- ?? Amendments to the Maricopa Urban County 2002 Annual Plan (if any).
- ?? Amendments to the 2000-2004 Consolidated Plan.
- ?? Other aspects of the Consolidated Plans as applicable.
- ?? Adjourn.

Community Development Department invites written comments regarding Maricopa County's Year XXVI, FY2003 Annual Action Plan and its performance in implementing the FY2002 Annual Plan. Please submit any comments by April 29, 2003 to Community Development Department, 3003 North Central Avenue, Suite 1040, Phoenix, Arizona 85012-2906. For information, call (602) 240-2210 or TDD (602) 240-6956 or email: isabelmc@mccd.maricopa.gov. Maricopa County does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, familial circumstance, sex, handicap or age in any of its policies, procedures or practices. This nondiscrimination policy covers admission and access to or treatment or employment in Community Development Department's programs and activities. Attendees with disabilities are encouraged to contact Maricopa County Community Development for any special facilities required.

Accommodations for Individuals with Disabilities. For assistance call Community Development, 3003 North Central, Suite 1040, Phoenix, Arizona 85012, (602) 240-2210, Or TDD/TTY (602) 240-6956. To the extent possible, additional reasonable accommodations will be made available within time constraints of the request.